

California Libertarian News

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In This to Win NEWMAN ENTERS RACE

LONG BEACH: Carol Newman, LPC candidate for attorney general last November, announced her candidacy for nomination for the presidential race at the May 28 meeting of Region 66 (South Bay). It was her formal declaration, but she had made an informal statement of her plans earlier at a party following the state ExCom meeting on May 2. Asked her reasons for running, Carol said she believes she can deliver the libertarian message "more consistently" than either Russell Means or Ron Paul, the two main contenders for the top of the ticket position. "I've been a libertarian for many years; both Means and Paul are really new to the Party and to the arguments."



Carol certainly demonstrated her campaign abilities in the recent election and thereby earned the coveted Samuel Adams Award for her clear, unequivocal presentation of libertarianism to the voters of this state. (see *CLNews* for March).

An attorney by profession, her practice involves complex federal and state court cases. For the past year and a half, a large part of her practice has been devoted to defending businessmen in civil suits brought by the government. Carol writes to *CLNews*: "It is interesting that, under the current state of the law, it is very difficult for private individuals and corporations to bring suit against the government, and even to defend themselves in suits brought by the government because of all the legal protections afforded to the government in litigation. I am working on developing a theory which will more easily permit suits against the government and will more easily permit citizens to defend themselves when the government brings suits."

What are her plans if she does not receive the nod from the delegates at the Convention this summer? Carol would then go all out to run for Congress. "But I'm in this to win," she says, adding, "I think I can be an alternate for those delegates who are not totally committed to either Means or Paul."

Carol's announcement brings the number of declared can-

didates to at least five. Besides Russell Means and Ron Paul, James "Libertarian" Burns of Nevada and country music songwriter Harry Glenn of Indiana have also announced their candidacies.

SRO for Russell Means

It was standing room only at the dinner for Russell Means at the San Diego Supper Club, May 12. About 70 people showed up, including 20 newcomers in addition to the old faithfuls — reporters too. "It went over really well," says San Diego chair Pat Wright, "and the literature table was bare at the end of the evening. People were interested in our ideas as well as in our speaker."

While in San Diego, Russell got a chance to speak to an even wider audience by appearing on the Roger Hedgecock Radio Talk Show, on KSDO-AM.

The following evening, Russell faced an audience of nearly 90 libertarians at a dinner in Burbank sponsored by Region 61. He proved just as charismatic as he had in San Diego. One attendee told *CLNews* that she was particularly impressed with the way Russell fielded the questions from his audience with good humor, sincerity, and a sharp awareness of the issues.

Delegates to Meet Candidates

Ron Paul, Russell Means and Carol Newman will address delegates and others at two Delegates Caucus meetings, one in the Bay Area, one in Orange County, on July 11 and 12. It will be a good chance to ask the candidates all those sticky questions you want answers to and to see how they handle questions from libertarians — we're a pretty tough audience.

You don't have to be a delegate to attend, so be sure to set those dates aside. The exact time and place will be published in next month's *CLNews*.

Also, on July 13 Ron Paul will be speaking at the San Diego Supper Club.

News and Events from the Regions

Gay Pride Weekend

This year Gay Pride Weekend is June 27 and 28, and Region 64 in Los Angeles is sponsoring a literature table at the annual Gay Pride Fair. Donations are requested to help cover the \$200 cost, and volunteers are needed to staff the table. This year the Fair is in a park across from the Design Center, on San Vicente. Contact Ted Brown if you'd like to help. (213) 257-8922.

In San Francisco, Libertarians for Gay and Lesbian Concerns will be marching in the annual Gay Pride Parade on June 28, and will have a literature booth at the Fair where they'll hand out and sell lots of literature, including books and magazines. For more information, call (415) 864-0952.

Here and There

SACRAMENTO COUNTY: On May 11, chair Roger Pope got a chance to see "our" government in action when he testified before the Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee against those redevelopment bills introduced by Richard Polanco (see last month's *CLNews*). At first the committee didn't want to let Roger read the resolution passed by the ExCom which condemned these seven bills, but one of the members said the remarks might be interesting and he was allowed to continue. Word about the bills had gotten out, so besides Roger, several other opponents were on hand to protest. All but one of the bills (a minor one) were effectively tabled by being sent back "for interim study."

SONOMA COUNTY: At its January meeting, the Libertarian Central Committee targeted defeating rent control as a major goal of its 1987 activities. Chair Jim Oglesby reports that Libertarians have appeared at several hearings and are beginning to gain popular support.

Also in Sonoma County, Libertarians will be working with property owners who are fielding an initiative to reject the General Plan Update and "return to property owners their precious rights that have been stripped from them for the sake of more rigid governmental enforcement of land regulations." What's your county's General Plan like? In Sonoma County, it means incredible restrictions on parcel size and extensive downzoning. The initiative declares that "the old law of supply and demand to allocate the distribution of land resources must be used. Economics is the most honest regulation of land use."

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SAN DIEGO: LPC chair Mark Hinkle will be guest of honor at a cocktail party hosted by Jack and Carol Sanders, Saturday, June 13 from 8:00-10:00 p.m., at their home, 708 Gage Drive. The table will be well-stocked with food, drinks, and literature. \$5.00 for libertarians, \$2.50 for guests and newcomers. RSVP: (619) 276-7166.

North County Libertarians have started some action of their own. A Letters-to-the-Editor group will meet every six weeks, and they have set up a phone tree in which volunteers will call 12 registered Libertarians each month to ask if they'd like to receive a sample copy of *The San Diego Libertarian*, newsletter of the San Diego LP.

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Louw and Kendall Visit

Leon Louw and Frances Kendall will be speaking at Lahr's Green House Restaurant, Saturday, June 6, in a special program sponsored by Free Forum Books. They will be premiering the American edition of their book, *After Apartheid* (original title, *South Africa: the Solution*), which has generated considerable interest on both sides of the political spectrum in South Africa for its libertarian solutions to the problems of that troubled country. This will be their only appearance in Northern California. Lahr's Green House Restaurant is at 750 Sutter Street, San Francisco. Cost of the dinner is \$25.00. Call (415) 864-0952 for information and reservations.

On June 5, Leon and Frances will be guests of honor at a dinner at the San Marino home of Ed and Alicia Clark. The cost is \$75.00, the proceeds going to the authors to promote their book and work in South Africa and to the Reason Foundation. Call (213) 392-0443 for more information.

The Special Elections

• **5th Congressional District:** Sam Grove is waging a very active campaign for the seat vacated by the death of Sala Burton, with the election scheduled for June 2. Besides making speeches before various groups, he has sent a recent mailing to 13,000 voters in the district. His mailing included a bilingual flyer, with a Spanish translation by Alicia Clark. Sam and his volunteers will also be distributing some flyers by hand. To do the mailing the material was obtained from the Registrar of Voters, then broken down into usable form for smaller computers in preparation for the next campaign.

• **Special Election Results:** The results of the May 12 Special Election to fill the 33rd State Senate are in, with LP candidate Lee Connelly finishing fourth, with .65% of the vote. Connelly edged out the P&F candidate in Orange County voting 177 to 170, but fell behind in the Los Angeles County totals, 361 to 405. "The vote totals aren't the most important point to consider," Lee said. "We had the chance to make the Libertarian Party philosophy known to more voters because of this election. We've got to work to get people used to seeing us on the ballot and to accept us as the third political party. I plan to run for office again." Lee spent \$320 on his campaign, sending out 2,000 postcards to voters in several communities. He was outspent by Republican Wayne Grisham (incumbent) by \$3,000,000. Democrat Cecil Green won, with 53.78%.

From the *Newsletter of Region 65* and *Liberty Forum Newsletter*.

Libertarian Officewarming Party

SAN JOSE: About 50 Libertarians and friends showed up for the open house, Sunday May 10, at the headquarters of the Santa Clara County LP and the Libertarian Party of California. There were new faces and old friends — plus lots of balloons and refreshments. Several guests decided to join the LPC, and some folks pledged monthly donations for the upkeep costs. A few neighbors wandered over during the festivities and announced that they were libertarians, too.

The move to a new home seems to be a total success. Santa Clara County chair Steve Alexander reports, 'We now have members volunteering to work in the office on a regular basis — people who will come in and open it up and stay there to work with other volunteers. We're encouraging this so we can have as full-time an office as possible.'

Photos by Jim Wilson

1. The party in full swing.

2. Sign 'em up. Tom Grey, fund-raising chair (l).



Regional News

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SANTA CLARA COUNTY: Libertarians are developing a series of computer games, based on the idea of Marshal Fritz "but we plan to take it further, reports chair Steve Alexander. Steve is soliciting ideas from libertarian programmers — call the Santa Clara office, (408) 243-2711, if you have any flashes of inspiration.

Another project is the setting up of Discovery Groups, developed by contacting people who returned tax-day flyers (about 50 so far).

LAKE COUNTY: It's not difficult to find things that the folks in government do that is bad, but sometimes a little recognition when someone does something right can pay off. The following is from an article in the *Clear Lake Observer*, May 1:

Board Chairman Voris Brumfield was lauded by the Libertarian Party of Lake County at Tuesday's board meeting for her attempt to ease some of the more onerous regulations in the newly enacted county zoning ordinance. Brumfield was presented with a 'Live and Let Live' button by Randy Grindall, chairman of the county Libertarian Party. "'Live and Let Live' is one of the slogans adopted by the Libertarian Party to express our political philosophy, and to commend Supervisor Brumfield for her help in correcting faults in the zoning ordinance and in the planning process we would like to present her with a 'Live and Let Live' button," said Grindall. "Brumfield is developing a very good handle on the problems caused by the zoning ordinance," he continued. . . (Randy then cited a few f'instances of what Brumfield had done right).

Is Voris Brumfield a libertarian? No, but as Randy adds in a note to *CLNews*: "If we expect the libertarian philosophy to grow, we are going to have to cultivate those politicians like Voris who are sympathetic to our viewpoint, even if they don't agree with us on everything. Also, something as simple as presenting a 50-cent pin can be turned into a good news story for the libertarian movement."

REGION 67 (East San Gabriel Valley): Chair Gail Lightfoot has made the downpayment on the booth for the L.A. Fair. Donations have been coming in from all over the state. "If we add up all the pledges plus the amount on hand, we have nearly enough to pay for the booth, but now we'll need to raise enough for literature," says Gail.

Notes from the ExCom

The LPC Executive Committee met May 2-3 in Long Beach to hammer out policies and discuss plans for the Party.

The decision to set up one headquarters which would house both the LPC and the Santa Clara LP was formally approved. Four counties were recombined into new entities: San Bernardino and Riverside Counties were merged into one region, with chair Ron Holman; and San Francisco and Marin Counties have been consolidated, with Jim Peron as chair. In regard to this latter, please note that *CLNews* will continue to list Marin County separately because of the popularity and importance of Free Forum, the Marin County supper club, organized by Dan Dougherty. While not a Party function, nonetheless it merits its own listing in the calendar of events.

Several resolutions were endorsed:

1. A resolution supporting AB 2570, authored by Richard Winger, was approved on condition that no substantive changes be made thorough amendments. (They were — half the bill was dropped as being too "controversial." See story on page 4).

2. Resolutions condemning the redevelopment bills, both those in the Assembly and SB 442 in the Senate, were approved. With these, Roger Pope was able to announce formal LP opposition before the Assem. Housing and Community Development Committee. (See story under Sacramento County news.)

Legislature OKs Half of AB 2570

Richard Winger

AB 2570 was introduced by Assemblywoman Gwen Moore back on March 6. It provided that existing qualified parties (other than the Democratic and Republican Parties) could nominate by convention if they wished to, and also made it easier for new parties to get on the ballot.

On May 11, Assemblywoman Moore dropped the parts of the bill which make it easier for new parties to get on the ballot. She said it was "controversial."

On May 13, in an unusual evening session, the Assem. Elections Committee unanimously passed the bill as amended. If AB 2570 passes the remaining hurdles in the legislative process without further amendment, this is what it will mean: the LP of California will be free to decide whether it wants to nominate by primary or by convention. The decision must be made before February 1, 1988. If we try nomination by convention in 1988, and we don't like it, we are free to return to primary nominations if we so choose, before late January 1990. If we decide to try nominations by convention, we must write our own by-laws and file them with the Secretary of State. We can decide how the procedures will be structured, but we must follow our own procedures or our nominations will not be valid.

We would have until July 15, 1988, to file a list of our candidates with the Secretary of State. The individual candidates

would have until July 22 to file a declaration of candidacy with their home county clerk or registrar of voters. There would be no petitions and no filing fees.

At the May 13 hearing, Assemblyman Johan Klehs (D-Alameda Co.) asked Moore, "Since conventions can be expensive for the people who attend them, what provisions have been made to make sure that these political parties make special arrangements for retired people and students and others on small incomes?" Moore answered, "None. Any political party which doesn't make suitable arrangements to handle the needs of its members, its activists, will soon cease to be a political party." This was an excellent, libertarian response, and it worked. The bill passed unanimously.

It is disappointing that the bill does not make it easier for new parties to get on the ballot. California requires either 780,000 signatures on a petition or 78,000 registered members, for a new party to qualify. Even Florida's requirements are easy by comparison. It would have helped our efforts to improve ballot access in other states if California could have lowered its requirements.

Richard Winger is editor of *Ballot Access News*, 3201 Baker St., San Francisco, 94123.

A copy of the amended bill can be obtained by writing to the Bill Room, State Capitol, Sacramento, 95814 and enclosing a self-addressed stamped (22 cents) envelope.



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Gun Laws

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The two measures by Floyd, if passed, would bring some easing of the restrictions on the keeping and bearing of arms in California, and those of us who care should let our legislators know our position on these bills. I believe that it is wise to use the libertarian reasons for objecting to controlling legislation and for supporting any measures which grant some relief. Kent DeChambeau is the lobbyist for the CRPA and several sports' organizations in Sacramento. Some of his recent pronouncements on the gun issue use the same arguments that libertarians might use, and they seem to have been effective for him. He can surely use all the encouragement we can give him to use such an approach to the legislators. His address: CPRA, Sportsmen's Legislative Committee, 555 Capitol Mall, Sacramento, 95814.

The NRA Institute for Legislative Action (NRA-ILA), the lobbying arm of the National Rifle Association (NRA), seems also to have changed its position from one that depended on the Second Amendment to one based on the natural right of the individual to provide for his or her own defense in whatever way desired. NRA members out there, tell the NRA-ILA why you believe all arms restrictions should be eliminated when you respond to their request for financial support or send you their latest survey questionnaire.

John Corl is the chair of Contra Costa County.

Campus Groups Offered Support

Carolyn Pillsbury, a member of the San Fernando Valley LPC and a student at Cal State Northridge, will assist in the formation of campus organizations in Southern California. She'll handle calls and establish contacts on campuses. Students and faculty should get in touch with Carolyn and give her contact information. As it comes in, they will be supplied with more names of contacts. When enough people have been contacted on a particular campus, it will be possible to set up an associated chapter and provide speakers.

Media releases will also be sent to college newspapers throughout the Southland. These releases can be sent to community newspapers in your areas as well. Small local papers are more likely to run such announcements than are the larger publications, so if you'd like a release to put into your local paper, please call and one will be set to you.

To become active in campus organizing or for further information, give Carolyn a call at (818) 8920-5418.

Eye on Sacramento

The Legislature and the Gun

John Corl

The April issue of *The Firing Line*, the publication of the California Rifle and Pistol Association (CRPA) devoted a lot of space to bills which have been submitted for consideration by this legislature. There are about 50 bills, approximately half of them in a form the lobbyist for the association could comment on. Six of these are listed below.

- AB 19 (Bane), Stun guns: Would require all sellers of stun guns to be licensed and to fill out the same registration forms as for concealable firearms.
- AB 39 (Calderon), Paramilitary organizations: Would revise the definition of prohibited paramilitary organizations.
- AB 295 (Tucker), Replica of a firearm use: Would make it a misdemeanor to threaten a person or peace officer with a replica of a firearm.
- AB 768 (Floyd), Carrying concealed firearms: Would establish statewide standards under which it would be mandatory that a concealed-weapons permit be issued by sheriffs or chiefs of police for the stated purposes of self-defense and protection of valuable property.
- AB 798 (Zeltner), Firearms at domestic violence: Expands the definition of firearms which may be seized by police at the scene of domestic violence to include all firearms.
- AB 1072 (Floyd), Private investigators: Would exempt, under specified conditions, private investigators from requirement for a permit to carry concealed firearms.
- AB 1509 (Agnos), Assault firearm control: This is the same as his bill last term. It would effectively ban the sale and possession of certain semi-automatic firearms.

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A Constitutional Convention?

There's been a lot of talk over the years about holding a Constitutional Convention for the purpose of passing a "Balanced Budget" Amendment. A very real and quite justified fear is that such a Convention once called would be a become a runaway Convention, with attendees moving to replace our current Constitution with another.

"Don't worry," say the optimists, "if anyone tried that they'd be such an outcry from the public that they'd back right off. They'd never get away with it." It must be wonderful to have such faith. After all, the first Convention in 1787 was a

runaway Convention, called ostensibly for the purpose of amending the Articles of Confederation.

It takes 34 states to ratify the calling of a Constitutional Convention, and 32 have gone for the idea. On June 10, Assembly Joint Resolution 8 will be heard in the Assembly Intergovernmental Relations and International Trade Committee. Introduced by McClintock, Ferguson, Longshore, Quackenbush and Zeitner, it would make California the 33rd state to call for a Constitutional Convention. It is expected to be passed by the Committee and will be presented to the Legislature on June 21.

Richard L. Mountjoy (Assemblyman, 42nd District) has taken a strong stand against it, pointing out "a Constitutional Convention once called, can scrap the Constitution as we know it." And Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.) told his colleagues "Nothing — not our first amendment rights of freedom of speech, freedom of religion, nor our rights against search and seizure — none of the rights in the Constitution would be off limits. They all would be susceptible to revision, and I fear that the rights we take for granted could be the first to go." (Cong. Record, March 17, 1987.)

This is serious — call or write your assemblyperson, state senator, even the governor to make your objections known. For addresses, look in your local phone director under elected officials.

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Alameda	Thu., June 11	Discussion: Getting an Initiative on the Ballot	Mike Tejada	415/531-0760
Butte			Mark Sweany	916/345-9970
Contra Costa	Tue., June 9	Fred Stitt: Libertarian International	John Corl	415/223-4112
Fresno			Tim Salzer	209/233-4393
Kern			Craig Gifford	805/832-6231
Lake			Randall Grindle	707/994-4817
Los Angeles County (Regions 61-67)				
-61, San Fernando Valley	Wed., June 10	Carol Newman: Running for the Presidency	John Vernon	818/780-9943
-62, West L.A.	Thu., June 18	Barton Gilbert: History's Greatest Cash Crop	Neal Donner	213/477-6462
-62, Beverly Hills	Sat., June 27	Steve Richter: Charter Revision and the Bev. Hills Schools	Joel Bross*	213/278-2714
-63, Foothills	Tue., June 16	Rick Arnold: Getting an LP Initiative on the Ballot	Kim Goldsworthy	818/280-5644
-64, Central L.A.		No Program Scheduled for June	Ted Brown	213/257-8922
-65, Downey		Call Chair for Program Information	Lee Connelly	714/994-3256
-66, South Bay	Thu., June 18	Alan Carlan, Candidate for Palos Verdes City Council	Sam Treynor	213/546-2846
-67, East San Gabriel Valley			Gail Lightfoot	714/623-5067
Marin	Wed., June 3	Dale Gieringer: The FDA — America's Other Drug Problem?	Dan Dougherty*	415/457-1411
Monterey			Bob Ratto	408/424-9346
Orange		Call County Chair for Program Information	Lee Connelly	714/994-3256
	Thu., June 18	Don Franzen: In Defense of Slumlords (Liberty Forum)	Jack Dean*	714/975-0905
Placer			Bruce Daniel	916/663-2568
Riverside/San Bernardino Counties			Ron Holman	714/684-5218
Sacramento			Roger Pope	916/921-1776
San Diego	Tue., June 9	Rick Arnold: Getting an LP Initiative on the Ballot	Dick Rider*	619/276-7166
	Sat., June 13	Cocktail Party with Mark Hinkle	Dick Rider*	619/276-7166
	Tue., June 16	Business Meeting	Pat Wright	619/295-9510
San Diego (No. Co.)	Tue., June 23	N. J. Almodovar: The Norma Jean Story	Paul King*	619/433-7252
San Francisco		Free Exchange: Program to be Announced	Jim Peron	415/864-0952
San Luis Obispo			Clyde Steele	805/541-8892
San Mateo			Lyn Sapowsky	415/368-8148
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Santa Clara	Thu., June 18	Business Meeting	Steve Alexander	408/554-1119
	Sat., June 20	Campaigners Club and Pizza Society	Mike Iddings	408/243-2711
	Wed., June 24	Marshall Fritz: Successful Completion of Lib. Movement	Steve Alexander	408/554-1119
Santa Cruz			Bill Anderson	408/476-9753
Solano			Mark Moberg	707/864-1673
Sonoma			Jim Oglesby	707/823-5261
Tulare			Vicky Daley	209/688-4159
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